## PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COASTAL WETLANDS PERMIT AND WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Hancock County Board of Supervisors has filed an application with the Department of Marine Resources requesting permission to conduct regulated activities under the provision of the Coastal Wetlands Protection Law Act, Title 49, Chapter 27, Mississippi Code of 1972.

The applicant is proposing to construct a concrete walkway on the sand beach just waterward of the existing seawall on Beach Boulevard, measuring 1,725 linear feet in length and 14 feet in width. The project is located along Beach Boulevard, from just north of Lakeshore Drive to the end of the existing sand beach to the north in Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, MS. The applicant has requested a variance from Chapter VIII, Section 2, Part III.O.1 which states that "Permanent filling of coastal wetlands because of potential adverse and cumulative impacts is discouraged." In compliance with Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251, 1341), as amended by PL 95-217, the applicant will request certification from the Office of Pollution Control that the above mentioned activity will be in compliance with applicable provisions of Section 301 (33 U.S.C. 1311), Section 302 (33 U.S.C. 1312), Section 303 (U.S.C. 1313), Section 306 (U.S.C. 1316), and Section 307 (U.S.C. 1317) of the Act and appropriate requirements of the State Law.

A public hearing for the proposed project will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the Hancock County Board of Supervisors Boardroom located at 854 Highway 90, Suite A in Bay St. Louis, MS. The public hearing will not be a question and answer session, but will be a medium for concerned parties to make comments about the proposed project for the public record. More information on the application

can be obtained at the DMR office at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS, 39530, on the DMR web site, or by calling 228-374-5000.

Any person wishing to make comments or objections to the proposed regulated activity must submit those comments in writing to the Department of Marine Resources at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530 and the Office of Pollution Control, Post Office Box 2261, Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2261 before 1:00 p.m. on the day September 7, 2015.